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1 Public Summary

The Advisory Board (AB) of SECUR-ED had been set up as an experts' board in order to provide high-level opinions and advice on the main direction of the project. It therefore reunited: the project coordinator, UITP representatives, the Chairpersons of the four SECUR-ED Advisory Groups (AG), the EC Project Office as well as a few other chosen experts from the public transport stakeholders. Some of the latter were also from organizations outside Europe.

The purpose of reuniting these experts was for SECUR-ED partners to receive additional feedback coming from external world on the users' needs and on the project developments in general. These recommendations were both of technical and political nature.

These proposals had to feed back into the project and be taken into consideration by the relevant WP or SP leader, so as to decide if and how the proposal can be addressed, taking into account of the framework of the project (budget, objectives, consortium expertise, time, etc.).

In the first meeting (September 2011), the AB members had to familiarize themselves with the SECUR-ED framework and context, and also to identify the key topics to be monitored.

The second AB meeting (April 2012) was dedicated to reviewing and discussing the work done by the project, with a special focus on the build-up of security capacities and other tools that would give the structure to the SP4 and SP5 demonstrations, and what their main challenged had been to that date. The meeting was also a good occasion to receive the first feedback of the SECUR-ED AGs and exchange views. Last but not least, the way in which the project activities and results should be disseminated was also addressed.

A third AB meeting (November 2012) was dedicated to the development of the SP4 demonstrations. AB members discussed at length the technical, legal and ethical successes and challenges of the demonstrations, and how the AGs are contributing to this work.

The fourth meeting (September 2013) made an in-depth overview of both SP4 and SP5 demonstration activities. An important component concerned the dissemination of project activities. Within this framework participants also addressed the AG work and the relationships between the AGs and the project partners. Subsequently the AB discussed the further work that both AB and AG members needed to evaluate and advise in the framework of the project.

A subsequent meeting (May 2014) saw the feedback of the AB members of the visited SP4 demonstration sites and a thorough evaluation of these exercises. Conclusions were drawn, and advice was given for the SP5 demonstration developments. Furthermore, the AB members discussed the output that SECUR-ED should offer, and what would be the outlook of the SECUR-ED activities once the project will come to an end. It is within this debate that two main points became clear:

- The need to measure the outcomes of the project – one of the AB members later presented a short document addressing the criteria for assessing the success of SECUR-ED, document endorsed by the AB members (presented in Annex 1 of this document);
- The necessity to disseminate the project results and keep the most important ones alive after the end of the project. Among others, it was decided that a better link with the EC activities needed to be set-up, and especially with DG MOVE's LANDSEC

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The final AB meeting (September 2014) started with a general overview of the work done and results achieved by SECUR-ED. A number of lessons learned were outlined, as well as the main outcomes that should be kept alive after the end of the project. To this end, the AB Chairman prepared a set of recommendations to the EC on the main actions that should be implemented in the near future, in order to ensure the proper dissemination and continuation of the main project outputs (presented in Annex 2 of this document).

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